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(Before Mr. Justice Darling and a Special Jury.)

# MOTORING ADVENTURES.

## A LIEUTENANT'S ACCIDENT NEAR MAIDENHEAD.

Mr. Frederick Reginald Harford, a lieutenant in the Scots Guards, sued Mrs. Alice Jane Hubbard for damages for personal injuries received owing to the alleged negligence of the defendant's chauffeur in driving a motor-car on August 12, 1906.

The defendant denied negligence, and pleaded contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff.

Mr. Rufus Isaacs, K.C., for the plaintiff, said that at the time of the accident, Mr. Harford was stationed at Aldershot, and one the date in question was riding a motor-cycle from Aldershot to Windsor, where his father lived. When near Maidenhead he was turning out of a by-road into a main road as the defendant's motor came along, and was caught in the wheels of the car, and dragged along the road for about twenty yards. He was very much injured, and when he was able to get about in July last his left leg was found to be shorter than the right one as a result of the accident.

The plaintiff, in his evidence, said he was twenty-five years of age. He described the accident, and said that when he turned into the main road the motor-car was about fifty yards off. He crossed the road to get to his proper side, and was on his proper side when the motor-car struck him. He rejoined his regiment only in July last year.

Mr. Salter, for the defendant, said there was no dispute as to special damage.

His Lordship.—There is no claim for loss of profits while he was away. (Laughter.)

### His Father Objected.

Cross-examined by Mr. Salter, the witness said his father objected to his riding motor-cycles, because of the expense and danger.

Did he think you were likely to break your neck? (Laughter.)

The witness added that this was the third motor-cycle he had bought.

Asked as to whether he had any accidents, the witness said he ran into a wall once. (Laughter.)

### Driving with Care.

Mr. Salter called the defendant's chauffeur, who said that he was driving with all possible care at the time of the accident.

The chauffeur, in reply to Mr. Salter, said that the accident would not have occurred had the plaintiff's machine not skidded.

Mrs. Alice Gray Hubbard, who was in the car at the time, also gave evidence, in the course of which she described the steps taken by the chauffeur to avoid a collision.

The hearing was adjourned.

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